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In regard to the application of: Noam GAVRIELY; Maier FENSTER

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For : SENSOR FOR BODY SOUNDS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to art cited with respect to PCT/IL98/00172 of which the current application is a US national application under 35 USC section 371.

The examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), MPEP 1893.03(e) and MPEP 1893.03(g) and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications cited in this application which the examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent. Items 1- 3 and 6-10 are available from the PCT International Search Report.

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In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b) it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in Applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
	8	WO 95/14845 A ✓	1 Jun '95	PCT			YES	NO
	9	WO 97/25598 A ✓	17 Jul '97	PCT				
OTHER DOCUMENTS <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>								
	✓ 10	ZUCKERWAR, A. J. et al; "Development of a Piezopolymer Pressure Sensor for a Portable Fetal Heart Rate"; IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering; Vol. 40; No. 9; pp. 963-969; 1 September 1993						

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